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Union of Working Youth of Albania

1. The Union of Working Youth of Albania is controlled by the Workers Party and consists of youth 16 to 20 years old. The members pay monthly dues and are furnished with identity cards. The Union's purpose is to educate and prepare the coming generation for Party membership. It is this organization that furnishes the Party cadre.
2. Administrative Organization: (See attachment "A")
 - a. General Council - consists of 80 members elected by the Youth Congress.
 - b. Secretary of the General Council - consists of about 9 to 11 members elected from the General Council.
 - c. Qark Youth Council - consists of 30 members elected by a Congress of the Qark Youth Representatives. This Council in turn elects 10 to 11 of its members to the Qark President's Office.
 - d. Rreth Youth Council - consists of 30 members who elect 9 members to the Rreth Youth Office.
 - e. Youth Base Organizations - the smallest unit of organization. There is a Base Organization in every school, factory, and enterprise.

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3. Control: The Youth organization is controlled by members of the organization who are also Party members. The President of the Qark Youth Council is also President of the Qark Party Committee. At the village, factory, and school level the Youth "responsible" is also a Party member. The Army Youth Organization is subordinate to and controlled by the Union of Working Youth. The Union also has sections for children 3 to 6 years old (Fatos) and 7 to 15 years old (Pioneri).

Albanian Democratic Front

4. The Democratic Front is controlled by the Party. Its purpose is to propagandize and inform the Albanian people of Party progress in the social and economic sectors. Anyone (except Kulaks) over the age of 18 can be a member. Members are furnished with identity cards for which they pay 3 lek a month. The administrative organization consists of a Secretary's Office of 9 to 11 members elected from the General Council; and Qark, Rreth, and village-neighborhood-industry Councils. The Democratic Front finances the daily newspaper Bashkimi (Union).

Professional Union of Albania (See attachment "B") 1

5. The Professional Union's purpose is to:

- a. Defend the rights of professional and working people against the state.²
- b. Organize the work of all sectors to expedite state programs.
- c. Control the workers social care.
- d. Control all types of work production.
- e. Find work for members of the organization.

All workers and employees except free farmers, free stock-breeders, and reactionaries, are members of this organization.

6. Administrative Organization: The supreme authority of the Union is the General Council elected every four years, the last election having taken place in February 1955. The Professional Union has the following divisions:
- a. First Division: Composed of educators, writers, journalists, printers, artists, theater and moving picture employees, employees of state shops.
 - b. Second Division: Personnel employed in industry and mining.
 - c. Third Division: All farmers and stock-breeders who belong to state farms or cooperatives.
 - d. Fourth Division: employees of transportation and reconstruction³ industries.
7. Every four years each base organization elects one or two of its members to be representatives. The representatives meet in Tirana and elect the General Council of their Division. The General Councils of each Division elect the Executive Committee for the division. After the Division elections are held, elections for the General Council are held. Base organization representatives meet at the Rreth and elect representatives to the Qark.

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Qark representatives meet in Tirana and elect the General Council which in turn elects the President's Office consisting of 20 members.

Albanian Women's Union (See Attachment "C")

8. The Women's Union is controlled by the Party and is considered second in importance to the Youth Union. Its purpose is: Enlightenment, instruction and emancipation of women in accord with the communist system; and mobilization of women to assist the state in working for the common interest. All married women (except Kulaks and reactionaries) irrespective of age are registered as members of the Union. Members are given identity cards and pay monthly dues.
9. Administrative Organization:
 - a. Secretary of the General Council: consists of 9 to 11 members elected by the General Council.
 - b. General Council: consists of 80 members elected every four years.
 - c. Qark Women's Union Council: elected by the Qark representatives of the Women's Union. The Qark Committee is elected by the Council.
 - d. Bruth Women's Union Council: elections follow the same pattern as that of the Qark above.

Comments:

1. It appears very likely that [] is referring to the Union of Albanian Trade Unions in this instance. It should be noted that the Professional Union is governed by a General Council [] while the Union of Trade Unions is governed by a Central Committee.
2. This phrase probably means the organization represents the needs of workers to the government.
3. "Reconstruction" is believed to mean construction in this instance.

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Attachment "A"

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UNION OF WORKING YOUTH OF ALBANIA

SECRETARIAT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNION

ORGANIZATIONAL BRANCH	ATHLETICS BRANCH	PRESS AND PROPAGANDA BRANCH	LITTLE EAGLES (SMALL CHILDREN) BRANCH	YOUTH BRANCH	VILLAGE YOUTH BRANCH	WORKERS YOUTH BRANCH	SCHOOL YOUTH BRANCH	ARMY YOUTH BRANCH	EDUCATION ? BRANCH	? BRANCH	? BRANCH	? BRANCH	? BRANCH
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE QARK COUNCIL

THE QARK HAS THE SAME BRANCHES AS THE GENERAL COUNCIL EXCEPTING THE ARMY YOUTH BRANCH, AND TWO LESS UNKNOWN BRANCHES .

OFFICE OF THE RRETH COUNCIL

THE RRETH HAS THE SAME BRANCHES AS THE QARK

BASE ORGANIZATION OF
THE VILLAGE

BASE ORGANIZATION OF THE
SCHOOL

BASE ORGANIZATION OF
ENTERPRISE

BASE ORGANIZATION OF
VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS

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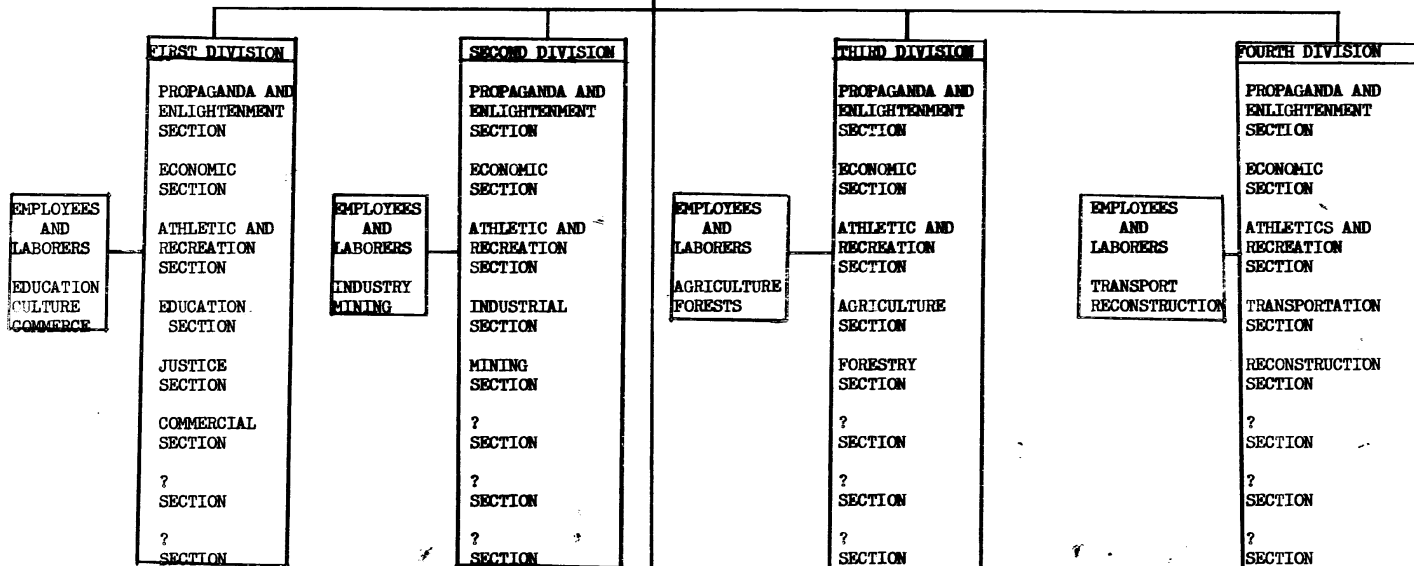
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ORGANIZATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF ALBANIA*
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE PROFESSIONAL UNION
PRESIDENT THREE SECRETARIES TEN MEMBERS
GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE PROFESSIONAL UNION



THE PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE QARK AND RRETH HAVE THE SAME SECTIONS AS THOSE OF THE DIVISIONS LISTED ABOVE. THE UNIT BELOW THE PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RRETH IS THE BASE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS FOUND IN THE VILLAGE, FACTORY, ENTERPRISE, ETC.

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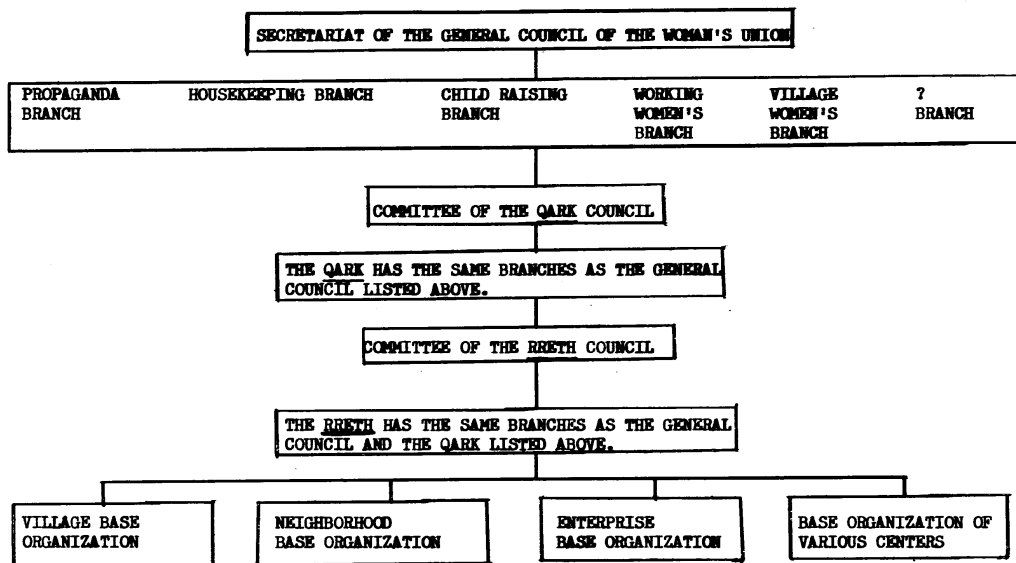
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*Probably the Union of Albanian Trade Unions. see [] Comments.

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ALBANIAN WOMEN'S UNION



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